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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No. : 501082.06  
Serial No. : 09/652,842 Group Art Unit : 2825  
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Belur V. Keshavan  
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Submission previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii.  Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b.  Submission enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supp. IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- Postcard
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**4. Deposit Account**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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